

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Update # 54**

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon with an update for commercial permit holders in the Naknek/Kvichak Districts. The time is **12:00 p.m.** and the date is **Thursday, July 12, 2012.**

The midnight to 6:00 a.m. count for the Naknek River was 550 sockeye for a cumulative count of 775,000. The midnight to 6:00 a.m. count for the Kvichak River was 20,000 sockeye for a cumulative count of 3.7 million. The Kvichak inriver estimate is 100,000 sockeye.

The Naknek-Kvichak District will not open to drift gillnet gear until escapement improves. The earliest a drift gillnet period could occur is 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 13.

The next announcement for the Naknek/Kvichak District will be 12:00 p.m. Friday, July 13.

This has been the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game in King Salmon. Read on SSB 2509 and VHF 07: July 12, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.